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Note verbale dated 18 July 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and has the honour to refer to his note SCA/05(14) requesting information on measures taken by Costa Rica to implement this resolution. In this connection, the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica has the honour to report the following:

1. Since Costa Rica has barely any relations with the Sudan, it can provide very little information in this regard.

2. Concerning the arms embargo, Costa Rica does not export weapons. In this connection, Costa Rica does not sell, nor has it sold, arms to Sudan; it offers no form of technical assistance with regard to arms; and it does not serve, nor has it served, as a transit country for arms trafficking to Sudan. Attached is a certificate from the Director-General of Arms of the Ministry of Public Security of Costa Rica, Mr. Francisco Ocampo Zamora (see annex).

3. As for the travel ban, nationals of the Sudan must have a visa to enter Costa Rica. This visa is restricted and must be approved — expressly and in advance — by the Director-General of Migration. The General Migration Directorate maintains an updated database with the lists of individuals subject to travel bans drawn up by the subsidiary bodies of the Security Council. Entry visas will thus be denied to visa applicants appearing on these lists.

4. The lists of individuals subject to the assets freeze by the subsidiary bodies of the Security Council have been communicated to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (SUGEF), which is the oversight body of the national banking system. SUGEF requests all national banks to notify it if any of the individuals identified on these lists is a customer of theirs. Thus far, SUGEF has determined that none of the individuals identified on the Security Council lists is a customer in the national banking system. However, it should be noted that, in order for Costa Rica to freeze assets, a judicial decision must be handed down by the competent judicial authority. Should it be determined that an individual on the Security Council lists has assets in Costa Rica, SUGEF would have to assess the situation on a case-by-case basis.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 18 July 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Certificate from the Director-General of Arms of the Ministry of Public Security of Costa Rica

In reference to your letter DGPE/DPM-528-08-05/VMO of 6 July 2005, I certify that Costa Rica does not sell, nor has it sold, nor has it offered technical assistance or served as a transit point for the shipment of any type of weapon to any country, much less Sudan (Africa).

Issued in the city of Coronado at 2 p.m. on 6 July 2005.

(*Signed*) Francisco Ocampo **Zamora**
Acting Director-General of Arms